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**(Chicago, IL)** On Saturday, Congressman Luis V. Gutierrez (D-IL) will hold a Financial Literacy Fair to help Chicago area residents who are seeking assistance in getting their financial affairs in order. The event will be held in collaboration with the office of the City Treasurer of Chicago.

Accredited counselors will provide free financial counseling sessions in English and in Spanish. Topics will include improving credit scores, installment loans, FHA loans and predatory lending. Attendees will have the opportunity to view their credit reports, learn budgeting and foreclosure prevention techniques and access information for homebuyers.

<b>Who:</b>	Rep. Luis V. Gutierrez
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<b>What:</b>	Financial Literacy Fair and Free Financial Counseling
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<b>Where:</b>	Clemente Community Academy
	1147 N. Western Avenue Chicago, IL 60622

<b>When:</b>	Saturday, November 21, 2009
	10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

"With so much talk in Washington about banks that are 'too big to fail' we often don't talk enough about the people who have suffered most in the financial crisis," said Rep. Gutierrez. "Too many Chicago area consumers have been impacted by foreclosure scams, predatory lenders, excessive interest rates and unreasonable fee hikes. With the holiday season right around the corner, families are considering how to make ends meet now more than ever. It's my hope that this fair will help them start the New Year with the tools they need for financial stability."

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